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**TO:** Rising Sea Level Working Group Members

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**SUBJECT: June 4, 2015 Commission Rising Sea Level Working Group Meeting Summary**

1. **Roll Call, Introductions and Approval of Agenda.** Rising Sea Level Working Group Member Scharff called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am. Commissioners present: Chair Wasserman, McElhinney, Pemberton, Sears, and Zwissler. Also attending: Vice Chair Halstead, Commissioner Brush, Will Travis, Robert Blizzard (CalTrans), Leslie Alden (Marin County), and John King (San Francisco Chronicle).

2. **Approval of May 7, 2015 Working Group Meeting Summary.** The meeting summary was approved with no corrections or comments.

3. **Future Working Group Meeting Agenda Topics.** Chair Wasserman lead a discussion to identify a fairly small set of topics for the Working Group to discuss over the next six months (through January) perhaps meeting more than once a month, in order to develop a specific set of actions towards planning, communication, and financing. Discussion highlights included:

- a. Proposed joint meetings with the Commission's Bay Fill Policies Working Group, to coordinate agenda topics and policy analysis efforts.
- b. Proposed sessions with more detail on specific projects, such as the Napa River Flood Control Project, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority Safer Bay project, the Adapting to Rising Tides Hayward Shoreline and Oakland-Alameda focus areas studies, the Port of Redwood City Pier Restoration, Sonoma Creek Shoreline, South Bay Shoreline Study, Highway 37 Corridor Project, etc.
- c. **Financing Strategies.** What do we need to do, how do we do it, and how do we pay for it? Financing strategies could include ballot measures and tax districting methods, similar to geologic hazard abatement districts or the constitutional proposal in the legislature for storm water fees. The Working Group could also look at other states' financing strategies.
- d. **Communication Strategies.** Presentations regarding communicating sea level rise to the public. Communications campaigns can be expensive, but effective. Upcoming events where Communications campaigns will be beneficial could include BCDC's

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (September) and the SFEP's State of the Estuary conference and supporting the Bay Restoration Authority's effort to pursue a general obligation bond measure.

- e. Equity considerations for shoreline adaptation.
  - i. How can we better integrate these considerations into this Working Group's policy discussions and weave it through all the issues we discuss?
  - ii. Invite members of the Equity Community to present the issues important to them regarding sea level rise.
- f. **Governance.** How do we structure and achieve adaptation work given the various issues regarding jurisdictional boundaries, funding, etc.
- g. **Permitting.** How to address the potential conflicts that have risen around policies that the shoreline regulatory agencies have in place and how can we support collaborative project review.
- h. **Projects that Cross Jurisdictional Boundaries.** Broader based regional strategies are need as opposed to site-by-site analysis.
  - i. Projects with such issues to consider include the Port of Redwood City Pier Restoration, Sonoma Creek Shoreline, Foster City Rip Rap, San Francisquito Creek, South Bay Shoreline Study, Highway 37 Corridor Project, etc.
  - i. Update the Working Group's goal statement and tie it to the schedule of new topics.
  - j. **Technical and Sector-Specific Topics.** Invite experts on exposure analysis, adapting wastewater treatment plants and other technical or sector-specific adaptation-related topics.

4. **Permanently Temporary Shorelines.** Will Travis provided a summary of his *Meeting of the Minds* blog post, in which he raises the question of how we reverse engineer the laws and policies that have made development so difficult with an increasingly changing shoreline. The entire blog post can be found at: <http://cityminded.org/the-shoreline-of-the-future-permanently-temporary-13099>.